

**REMARKS**

The Examiner's Action mailed on March 21, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

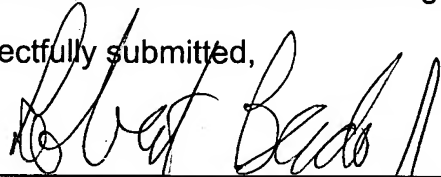
In this Amendment, Applicant has editorially amended claims 1, 15, 16 and 23. Claims 1-30 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

It is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers claims 2-14, 17-22 and 24-30 as being allowed, and the subject matter of claims 1, 15, 16 and 23 as being allowable over the art of record. However, the Examiner has objected to claims 1, 15, 16 and 23 for various informalities. In response, these claims have been editorially amended in the manner proposed by the Examiner's Action. Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner's objections be withdrawn, and that this application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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